



Introduction

This manual is designed to assist Accela applicants who must apply for an Associate Grading and Erosion Control Permit (single or multiple lots within a subdivision) within the City of Colorado Springs. Land developers or other entities needing a general GEC Permit should refer to the GEC Manual for application instructions.

Before getting started, here is some of the information you will need to complete your application.

- Property address and parcel number. If parcel number is not known, you may need to search on the El Paso County Assessor's website at https://assessor.elpasoco.com/user-friendly-parcel-search-tool.
- Property owner's name, mailing address, phone number and email address. (Can be found on GEC Plan or CSWMP.)
- GEC Administrator's name, mailing address, phone number and email address. The GEC
 Administrator will be the site representative responsible for all self-inspections, maintaining the project's CSWMP, and authorizing repair and maintenance of construction control measures.
- Electronic copies to upload if using any of the following: Markup Existing GEC CSWMP,
 Alternative AGEC CSWMP, Atypical Single Family Residential GEC Plans or Non-single Family Residential GEC Plans.
- Master Project Number. The master project number should be obtained by contacting the
 Project Engineer that designed the general GEC Plan and CSWMP. The master project number
 will also be displayed below the City approval signature on the GEC Plan cover sheet.
- Method of Payment. Payments can be made by either credit card or electronic funds transfer.

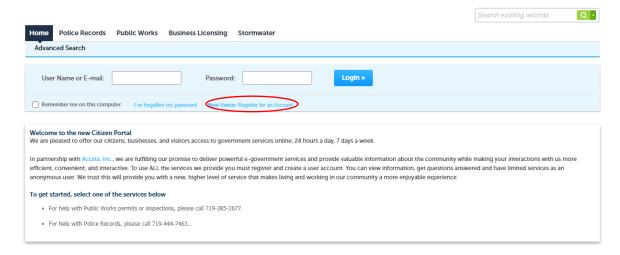




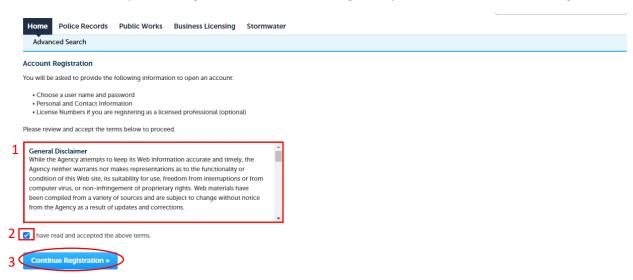
GETTING STARTED

Create an Account

- 1. Visit https://aca-prod.accela.com/COSPRINGS/Default.aspx
- 2. On the login page, click on "New User: Register For an Account"



3. Check box upon reading disclaimer to acknowledge acceptance of terms. Continue Registration.

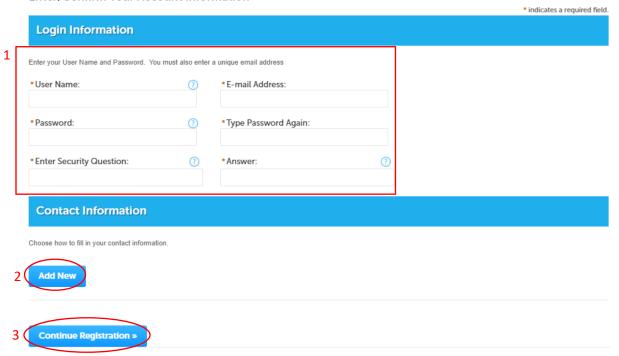


4. Fill in all required information. Fields with a red asterisk are required. Select "Add New" under contact information and complete form. Continue Registration.





Account Registration Step 2: Enter/Confirm Your Account Information



5. You will receive the following message indicating your account has been created.



Your account has been created successfully. You can login immediately using your User Name and Password

Logging In

1. On the login page, enter user name or e-mail and password and click "Login"

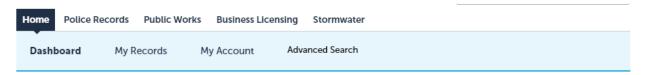
User Name or E-mail: Password: Login >
Remember me on this computer I've forgotten my password New Users: Register for an Account
Welcome to the new Citizen Portal We are pleased to offer our citizens, businesses, and visitors access to government services online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In partnership with Accela, Inc., we are fulfilling our promise to deliver powerful e-government services and provide valuable information about the community while making your interactions with us more efficient, convenient, and interactive. To use ALL the services we provide you must register and create a user account. You can view information, get questions answered and have limited services as an anonymous user. We trust this will provide you with a new, higher level of service that makes living and working in our community a more enjoyable experience.
To get started, select one of the services below
For help with Public Works permits or inspections, please call 719-385-2677.
For help with Police Records, please call 719-444-7463

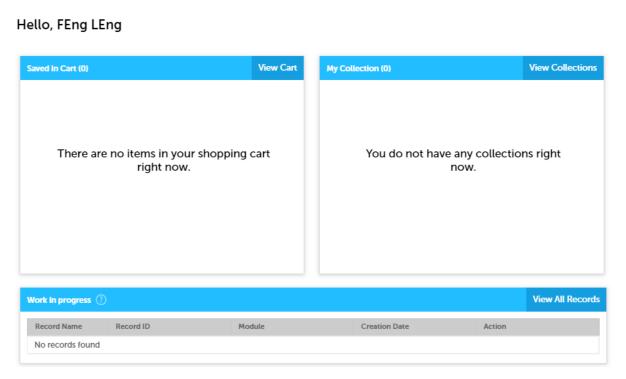






2. Upon successful login, user will be taken to the Accela Citizen Access home screen.





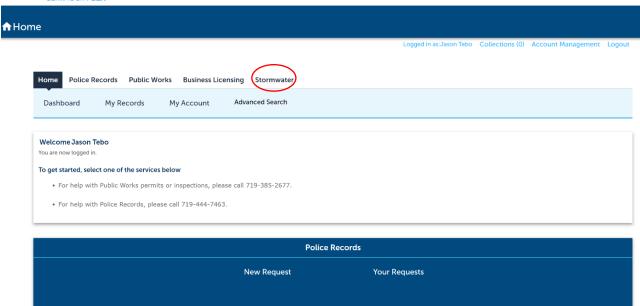




GEC PERMIT APPLICATION

- 1. Visit https://aca-prod.accela.com/COSPRINGS/Default.aspx and login/create account. (See Getting Started above)
- 2. Upon logging in, user will be taken to the home screen. Select the Stormwater tab.

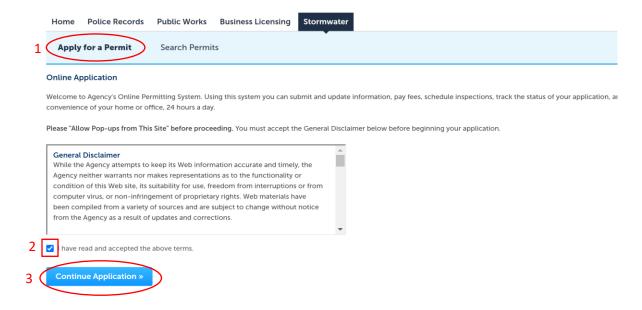




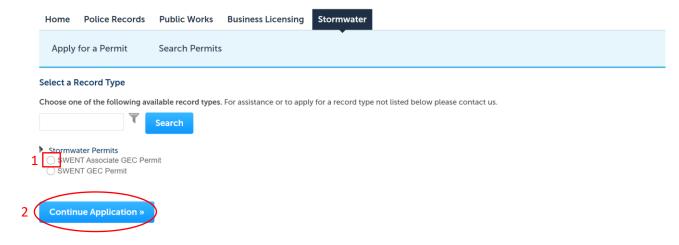
3. Select "Apply for a Permit" and check box after reading disclosure. Select "Continue Application."







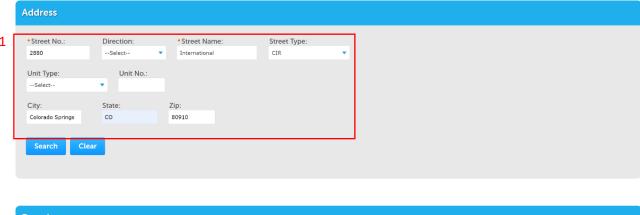
4. Select "SWENT Associate GEC Permit" and continue application.

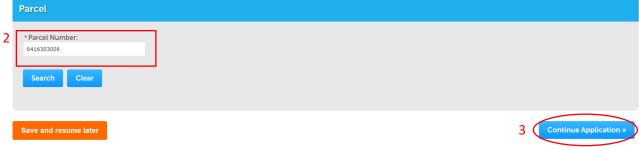


5. Enter all applicable location information. If parcel number is not known, you may need to search on the El Paso County Assessor's website at https://assessor.elpasoco.com/user-friendly-parcel-search-tool. Continue Application.

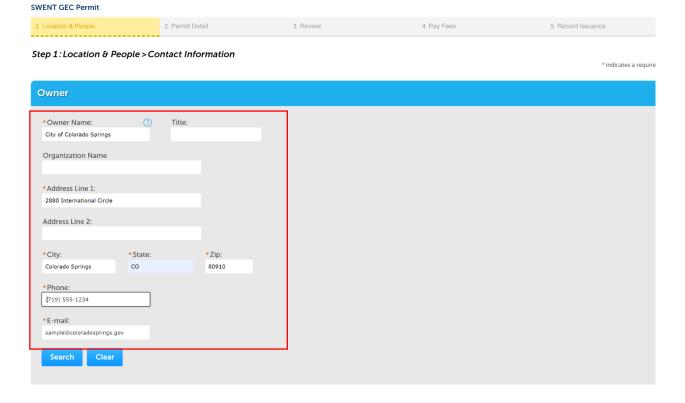








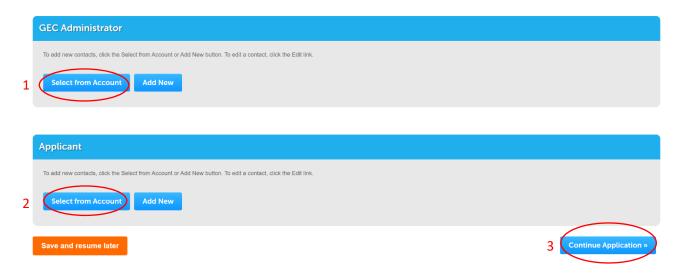
6. Enter Owner information. This information can usually be found on GEC Plan or CSWMP. **It is critical that the correct owner information is provided.**



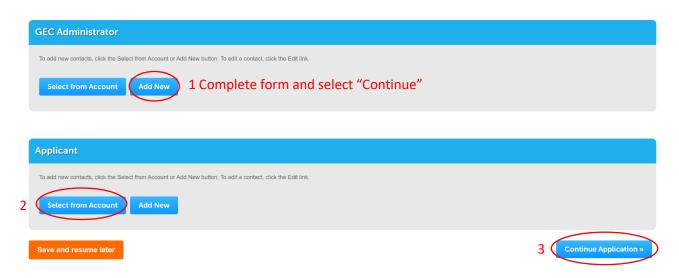




7. Scroll down. If applicant will also serve as GEC Administrator, click "Select from Account" under "GEC Administrator" and "Applicant." Continue Application. Go to step 9. (If the GEC Administrator will be someone else or a third party contractor, skip this step and see step 8).



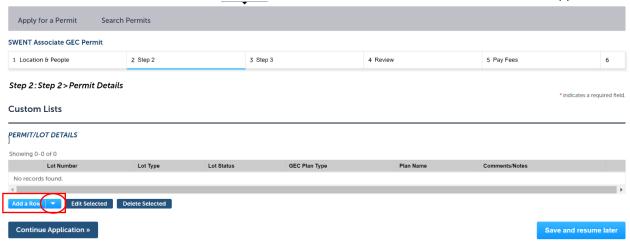
8. If the GEC Administrator is anyone other than applicant, select "Add New." Enter GEC administrator information and select "Continue." Under Applicant, click "Select from Account." Continue Application.



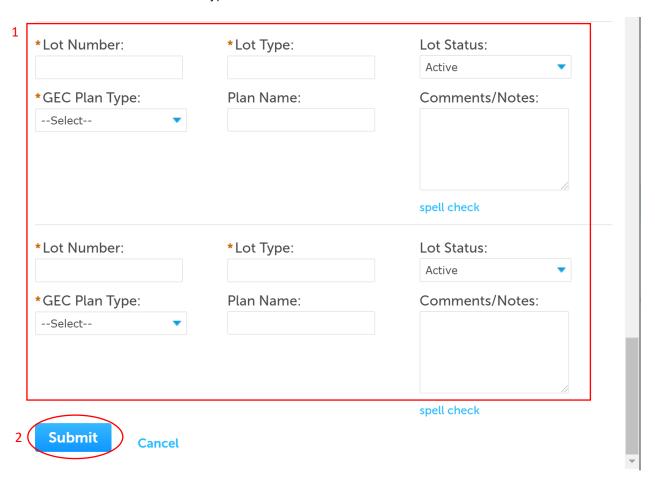
9. Select "Add Row" or the arrow next to "Add Row" to add up to 10 rows.







10. Enter individual lot details. If "Atypical Single Family Residential" or "Non-single Family Residential" are selected for "Plan Type," Plan Name must be entered. Select Submit.

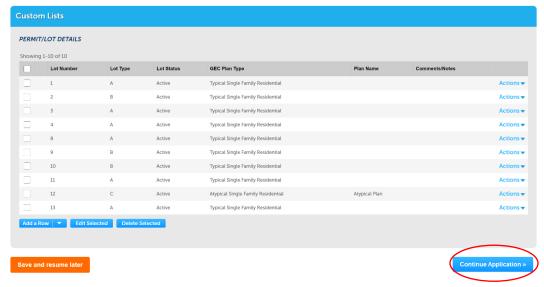


11. Once all lots are entered, Continue Application.

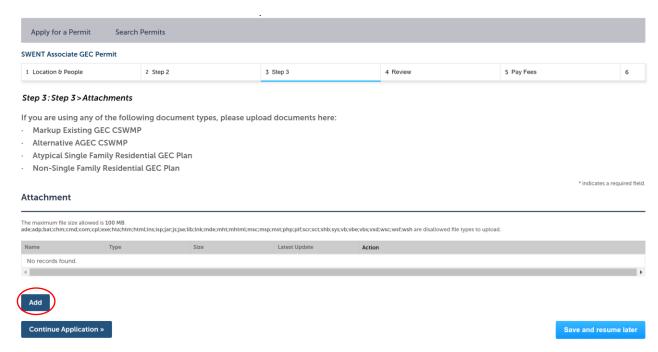




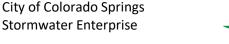




12. Upload electronic copies if using any of the following: Markup Existing GEC CSWMP, Alternative AGEC CSWMP, Atypical Single Family Residential GEC Plan or Non-single Family Residential GEC Plan, select "Add" to upload document. If not, skip to step 15.



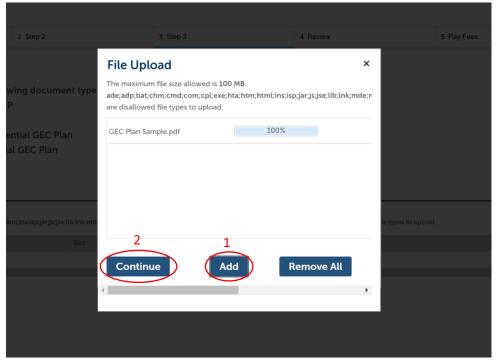
13. Select "Add" again in pop-up to browse for files you would like to attach. Once files are added select "Continue."



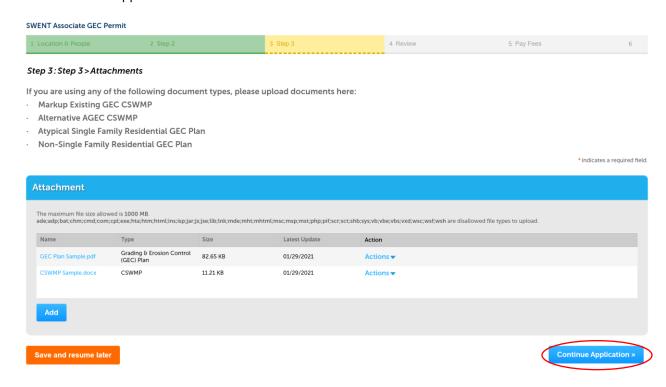




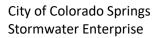




14. Continue Application.

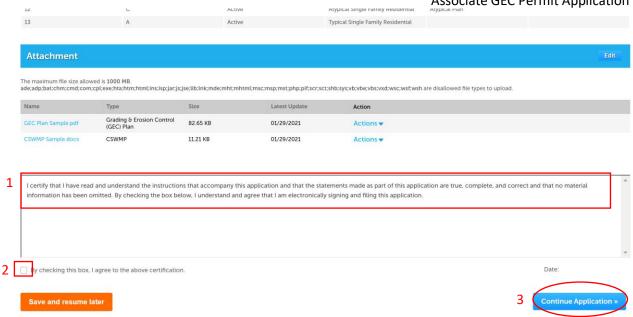


15. Review all details on the review page. If any information is incorrect, select "edit" on applicable sections. If information is correct, read certification, check box and select "Continue Application."

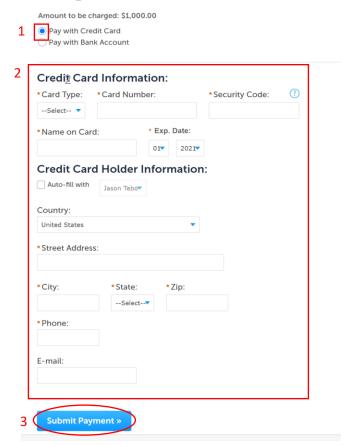








16. Select payment method. Enter all required information (for bank account, routing and account number will be needed). Select "Submit Payment."







17. Once application is complete and payment is processed, the applicant will receive a confirmation email. This email will include your permit number and the name and phone number of your City inspector. An initial site inspection is required to be performed and accepted by your assigned City Inspector prior to granting permit approval. No major earth disturbance activities may be conducted (with the exception of installation of initial sediment and erosion control measures) until the GEC permit is approved by the City Inspector during this Initial Inspection. Refer to the City of Colorado Springs Stormwater Construction Manual for additional information relating to initial inspection requirements.

